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Re: Amendment and Response
Appl. No.: 09/555,575
102(e) Date: June 1, 2000
Title: **Novel Compounds Useful in Pain Management**
Inventor(s): Delorme, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 81823/268623

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
2. Form indicating receipt by the PTO of the above items.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed Receipt be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due for the filing of these documents. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81823/268623.

Respectfully submitted,

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